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Daniel J. Sullivan House  
830 Dodge Street  
Dubuque  
Dubuque County  
Iowa

HABS No. IA-159-BH

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**Site Location:** 830 Dodge Street  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 3.3  
Cadastral grid: NE1/4 SW1/4 S25 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
UTM coordinates: 15.691320.4706640  
Lot dimensions: 34'X 100': .08 acre  
Lot description: City Lot 730 and Lot 10  
of 1 Union Addition

**Present Owner:** Hubert J. and Elaine Ramaker  
**Present Usage:** single family residence  
**Present Condition:** fair

**Overall Dimensions:** 2-story main block: 28'x 18'; enclosed front porch:  
5'x 18'; 1-story rear addition: 12'x 14'; enclosed rear  
porch: 12'x 4'; rear summer kitchen: 12'x 10'.

**Orientation:** northwest

**Architectural Description:** Plan type: 2-story rectangle with 1-story rear additions  
Foundation: coursed limestone perimeter walls.  
Structure: wood frame  
Ext. walls: brick-pattern asphalt roll siding over beveled  
wood siding.

**Roofs:** asphalt shingled, moderately pitched gables on  
2-story main block and 1-story rear addition;  
shallowly pitched hip over front porch, and  
sheds over rear porch and summer kitchen, all  
sheathed with asphalt roll roofing; louvered  
attic vents throughout.

**Chimneys:** stuccoed brick interior chimney with corbeled  
cap on northeast slope of main roof.

**Dormers:** none

**Windows:** painted wood 2/2 double-hung, with fixed sash  
in enclosed porches and attic, all with plain  
wood enframements and slip sills.

**Openings:** offset, single-leaf paneled front door; side  
door in northeast wall of summer kitchen.

**Porches:** full-width, 1-story front porch, now enclosed,  
with wood water table and wood lattice crawl  
space walls; 1-story rear porch, also enclosed,  
running along northeast wall of rear addition.

**Details:** boxed and molded cornices on main and porch  
roofs; tapered Tuscan columns on front porch.

Construction Date : 1888

Architecture Style: Gable end box

Physical History : In 1885 real estate speculator John D. Bush sold this residential lot to James Walsh. Walsh in turn sold it to Daniel J. Sullivan two years later for \$300. In 1888 Sullivan built this two-story frame house for \$1200. He lived here until 1920, selling the property to Daniel G. Hogan. A cashier for the International Harvester Company on South Main Street [HABS No. IA-160-B], Hogan occupied the house only briefly before selling it to William J. Rodham. Rodham owned the building until the mid-1950s; he then sold it to Hubert and Elaine Ramaker, who own it presently. Originally built as a two-story block, the house has since undergone a number of alterations and additions. The exterior walls were sheathed with asphalt siding in 1949, the front porch was enclosed in 1959, a single-story rear addition with a side porch (later enclosed) has been constructed, and behind this a single-story summer kitchen has been built.

Significance: Though architecturally unremarkable on an individual basis, the Daniel Sullivan House is similar in scale, construction and configuration to the other gable end boxes built in the 1880s along Dodge Street. It is a representative workingman's house of the period.

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